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SUBJ: RUMORED CHANGES IN NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT

1. ROK MEDIA DEC 12 AND 13 HAVE DEVOTED ATTENTION TO REPORT ALLEGEDLY FROM TOKYO CONCERNING RUMORED SHAKEUP IN DPRK. ACCORDING TO STORY, BASED ON "INFORMED JAPANESE SOURCE," SHAKEUP HAS INVOLVED PAK SONG-CHOL, KIM MAN-GUM, KIM CHUNG-NIN, KIM YONG-CHU, AND HAN IK-SU, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN REPORTEDLY DISMISSED OR DEMOTED FROM THEIR HIGH GOVERNMENT AND PARTY POSITIONS. IN ADDITION, KIM IL SUNG'S ELDEST SON KIM CHONG IL HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN GIVEN A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE.

2. STORY LINKS CHANGES TO NORTH KOREAN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SETBACKS AND SEES THEM AS A STRENGTHENING OF KIM IL SUNG'S POSITION OVER THE MODERATES AND GIVING THE MILITARY A STRONGER VOICE IN NK. IN PARTICULAR, NK INCURSION INTO WESTERN ROK WATERS IS VIEWED AS MANIFESTATION OF THE ASCENDANCY OF THE MILITARY, WHICH HAS OPPOSED THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IN WHICH KIM YONG-CHU AND PAK SONG-CHOL HAVE REPRESENTED THE NORTH AS CO-CHAIRMEN AND ACTING CO-CHAIRMAN.

3. SO FAR WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THE CHANGES REPORTED.

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